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"GOVERNMENT IS BUSINESS."

Among the best things said by the big and genial Secretary of War, W. H. Taft, in the course of his Portland speech, was that "government was not rhetoric; government was business"; and this plain and wholesome statement of an exact fact should sink deep into the mind of every man in the country.

It is especially applicable to the overweening, plutocratic, trust operator, and combine manipulator, who believes the ordinary common citizen is legitimate prey for their schemes of bold robbery. The more thoroughly convinced these gentry become of the real truth of the saying, the less we will have to bear from their predatory tactics.

Not only is government, in all its phases, straight business, but the law itself is business, or should be, if the people are to know anything of impartial justice; far too long has there been a superficial and unwarranted estimate in the popular mind of the actual status of these two great functions, and the time is propitious for the correct adaptation of terms and definitions that shall mean something.

That President Roosevelt holds this theory of government is undeniable, for his every policy and line of administrative treatment, reveals his logical apprehension of the great faculty imposed on him by his office. That he has impressed his colleagues with the sound doctrine is as evident as the other premise; and the people of the country, knowing how well he has demonstrated his sane conclusion, will do well to cherish the idea and demand its best expression at every turn of the governmental wheel. We are weary and ashamed of the farce and fallacy that has been dealt out to us all these years, and shall be glad to get back to the more rigid and fruitful determination of our rights.

OUR CADETS AND MIDDIES.

There is the annual uproar being made at Washington and elsewhere in the country, about the class distinctions enforced by the army cadets at West Point and the naval midshipmen at Annapolis. These young gentlemen, it seems, institute certain codes and programs, whereby, what they call "Plebes" shall be governed as by an inquisition, the substance of which is a course of atrocious and endless humiliation that is calculated to embitter the whole life of the young men subjected to it.

The latest phase of this contemptible and unmanly system has just developed at West Point, where the "silent treatment" has been imposed on a group of lower-classmen and has resulted in a row of the first order, raised by the outraged parents of the lads thus put upon. The authorities have interfered vigorously, going even so far as to declare their purpose to break up the practice if they have to turn every upper-classman out of the school if it does not cease at once. The treatment complained of is insufferable. The lad under its enforcement is subjected to absolute and universal disregard. He is not spoken to, nor even looked at, by a single companion, from morning to night and from night till morning; who would break over the rule, is placed in the same category with the man under penalty, and receives the same calculated and killing usage; at meals, at the games, plays, and social features of life at the school, it is the same; the alleged culprit is utterly ignored and made to feel that he might as well be dead; and with it all there is every sign of supreme contempt and rigid purpose to crush him down and out.

He is without recourse, for no boy with a spark of manliness, will complain or tell of the outrage nor of his sufferings and deprivations; that is against the cardinal and essential spirit of pluck; boyhood the world over. Yet there are those to whom such treatment is worse than any bodily indignity whatever; and others who droop and sink under the strain until it is manifest in their health and spirits, and when investigation does come, it is never the sufferer that aids it by so much as a breath. The practice is cruel and has nothing manly about it. It might be

tolerated if it were imposed on lads who give evidence of perverted habits, who are proven thieves, or given to ungentelemanly practices, as a mark of reproach and rebuke, but the lengths to which it has been carried at both schools, and especially at West Point, has invoked a protest that means something, and will, we hope, eventuate in the complete abandonment of such practices.

The true gentleman of America never indicates his knowledge of any special and social difference between himself and his fellow whose rank and place is recognized. Rather he makes it easier for the man who lacks his polish and polite adeptness and does all he may to spare a man who, in all other qualities, is his mate and wants to be his friend. And by such tactics the gentleman succeeds in inspiring the refinements and culture and manliness of the party to whom he is thus considerate.

WANTED! SOME WHITEWASH!

The stranger within the gates of Astoria, afoot on dry land, has much to please and divert him, in his critical meanderings about the city; there are handsome stores beautifully kept up, and public buildings that are a distinct credit to the municipality; homes, by the hundreds, cosy, elegant, and some palatial, all attractive to the eye and the sense of orderliness; squares and parks and streets that commend themselves instantly, and favorably, to the notice, and taken altogether, ashore, the City-by-the-Sea has as much to boast of on the way of public and private establishment and maintenance, as any place of her size and means in the northwest. But, to the tourist, approaching this city by water, either from up the river, or over the bar, all the sum of unsightliness appertaining to this port and city, is cruelly and hideously manifest for every mile of its frontage. It is peculiarly and extravagantly bad. There is simply nothing to qualify it, nor disguise, nor partially abate it. It is unblushingly and rankly dirty from Tongue Point to Smith's Point, save for certain few attempts, above the O. R. & N. piers, where red paint has done its poor best to save the situation, and a couple of instances are of record where yellow paint varies the amelioration. But, along the real front, there is an unbroken display of dinginess and decay and discolorment that is a pitiful advertisement of the town.

It should be remedied at once, and the most feasible scheme whereby to do it, is by the indulgence in a flood of whitewash and the casting adrift of the countless old piles that disfigure the front like grim spectres of the past they served. If every building on the front was treated to a couple of coats of lime, the story of Astoria would have a pleasant ring abroad!

WINE AND RELIGION.

ATLANTA, Sept. 7.—Under the Georgia prohibition law, which goes into effect January 1, 1908, it is held unlawful to administer wine at communion. This feature of the law is causing protests, and the grand juries throughout the state have adopted the following: "After January 1, 1908, every minister who hands the sacramental wine to members will subject himself to as many indictments as there are members. Every deacon who hands the sacramental wine to the members of a church will subject himself to as many indictments as there are members."

"We petition the General Assembly of Georgia to make such amendments to the law as will allow Christian people of this state to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, without violating the laws of the State."

STEEL FOR PALACE HOTEL.

Much Of It Now On Way And Work Will Be Rushed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—Colonel J. C. Kirkpatrick, manager of the Fairmount Hotel and one of the stockholders in the new Palace Hotel Company, has returned from a four months' tour of Europe. While returning home he had a conference in New York with Messrs. Trowbridge and Livingstone, the architects of the new Palace and they informed him that all the steel for the structure has been ordered and much of it is now en route to this city.

NICK AND HIS WIFE SAIL.

HONOLULU, Sept. 7.—Congressman and Mrs. Longworth are now on the island of Maui, visiting the crater of Haleakala, "the Palace of the Sun," Ioa valley and other points of scenic interest, and making a complete tour of the island. They will return this week. Next Wednesday afternoon they will give an "at home," to which about two hundred guests have been invited. This will be given the day before they sail for San Francisco.

General Robert E. Lee.

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EXPLORERS LOST
Believed the Duchess of Bedford Has Sunk.
SEARCHING FOR NEW LANDS

No Word Has Been Received From Party Since Last April—It is Believed Provisions Are Running Short By This Time If The Ship Is Still Afloat.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 7.—The schooner Duchess of Bedford, formerly the sealing schooner Beatrice, of this port, in which Capt. Mikkelsen, Ernest DeK. Leffingwell, Dr. Howe, Ernest Ditlevsen and others left Victoria on May 21, 1905, to search for unknown land believed to exist in the Beaufort sea. In the Arctic, is reported in a dispatch from Athabasca landing, filled with water and sinking. The news was brought to Athabasca landing from Herschel island by the steamer Midnight Sun. The dispatch adds:

"The ships officer, Capt. Mikkelsen; Leffingwell, Dr. Howe, Ernest Ditlevsen in February with sixty days' provisions for supposed land in the North. No word had been received from them for seventy days, and it is thought they have perished."

Mr. Cadzow, a fur trader from the North, who was in Victoria a short time ago, stated that Capt. Mikkelsen had visited the whaling fleet in winter quarters at Herschel island in April last, and had then stated that his vessel was then fast in the ice 150 miles away from Herschel Island and close to the main land. Capt. Mikkelsen was then on a visit to Herschel Island for provisions.

The last direct news from the Arctic explorers was dated from "Near Baxter Island, November 1," and was received in April last. At that time Mikkelsen and Leffingwell were journeying to Herschel island, and it is generally understood that this was their last visit to that place. The intention when the party left Victoria was to remain in winter quarters until spring, when Mikkelsen, Leffingwell and another intended to make a journey to the north westward over the ice to make soundings, with a view to the discovery of unknown land believed to exist in the Beaufort sea.

The Duchess of Bedford took food prepared in sealed tins, each tin containing a week's provender, when she left here specially prepared for the journey over the ice.

In the last letter written by Mr. Leffingwell in November, he said the trip over the ice was to be started in March last, and was expected to occupy two months. The writer, after giving a graphic and most interesting description of the journey over the ice to Herschel island, which was published in these columns said: "Next March, Capt. Mikkelsen and I shall make a two months' trip north over the ice from Flaxman island to explore that area. There is a good prospect of discovering land there. It has been reported by whalers, the tide indicates it, and the fact that the ice pack never leaves the shore for more than a few miles, these

all point to land not more than a hundred miles away.

"In June or July I hope to go up the Kagua river to do some geological work. When navigation opens up in August we shall sail to Herschel island and call for mail. Hence to Bank's land, and make our sled trip wet over the ice, as was our original programme."

If, as the dispatch states the explorers started in February on their trip over the ice, they left a month earlier than originally intended

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, August 22nd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$502,965.18
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	2,564.67
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds.....	500.00
Bonds, securities, etc.....	56,930.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	149,687.33
Due from State Banks and bankers.....	28,539.73
Due from approved reserve agents.....	233,207.83
Checks and other cash items.....	1,043.63
Notes of other National Banks.....	1,425.00
Nickels and cents.....	618.10
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie.....	\$200,500
Legal-tender notes.....	35,200,535.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	1,250.00
Total.....	\$1,265,056.27

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund.....	15,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	22,079.97
National Bank notes outstanding.....	25,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	\$840,690.94
Demand certificates of deposit.....	\$262,255.36
Total.....	\$1,265,056.27

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop.

I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. Gordon, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of August, 1907.

E. P. NOONAN, Notary Public.

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